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Situation Report

Severe Storms with Tornadoes and Flash Flooding

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Recovery operations are well underway from a series of storms that produced several confirmed tornados throughout the state, in addition to high straight-line winds, damaging hail, and flash flooding. 19 people have lost their lives as a result of these storms, while hundreds of homes and businesses have sustained damage statewide.

REPORTS FROM COUNTIES WITH NEW OR UPDATED INFORMATION

Clay County: Reports damage to courthouse, fire station in Liberty. Requesting damage assessment for FEMA infrastructure assistance.

Cole County: Included in Governor's request of Monday for Joint SEMA-FEMA damage assessment to determine eligibility for Federal assistance.

Howard County: Included in Governor's request of Monday for Joint SEMA-FEMA damage assessment to determine eligibility for Federal assistance.

Jackson County: Requesting damage assessment for FEMA infrastructure assistance.

Lewis County: SEMA damage assessment indicates 83 homes destroyed, and 92 additional homes with damage. 6 businesses were destroyed and another 6 sustained damage. Path of destruction was about 18 miles long and 300-400 feet wide. Included in Governor's request of Monday for Joint SEMA-FEMA damage assessment to determine eligibility for Federal assistance.

Mercer County: Damage from Saturday (May 10) tornado limited to vacant house, a barn, and some grain bins. No injuries.

Pettis County: Requesting damage assessment for FEMA infrastructure assistance.

Pike County: Included in Governor's request of Monday for Joint SEMA-FEMA damage assessment to determine eligibility for Federal assistance.

Platte County: Reports damage to City Hall in Northmoor. Requesting damage assessment for FEMA infrastructure assistance.

Saline County: Requesting damage assessment for FEMA infrastructure assistance.

Scott County: Estimates \$50,000 in costs associated with debris removal and infrastructure damage.

FEDERAL/STATE Actions:

SEMA/FEMA Disaster Field Office opened Monday in Springfield at 336 S Barnes (old Consumer's warehouse). Disaster recovery operations will be coordinated from this location.

SEMA and FEMA continue to work toward opening Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs) in several communities throughout the disaster area. Disaster Recovery Centers opened on Monday in Pierce City and in the Antioch Mall for residents in the Kansas City area. Additional Disaster Recovery Centers are tentatively scheduled to open in Stockton on Tuesday, Battlefield on Wednesday, Carl Junction on Thursday, and Mt Vernon on Friday.

SEMA will begin conducting Public Assistance briefings for representatives of local governments who may wish to have their jurisdictions apply for aid under the FEMA Public Assistance program. The briefing schedule is as follows:

Carthage Memorial Hall
4th and Garrison (on the square)
Carthage, MO
Time: 5/13/03 @ 9:30 a.m.

Platte County Courthouse
415 3rd St
Platte City, MO
Time: 5/13/03 @ 1:00 p.m.

Greene County Courthouse
940 Boonville
Springfield, MO
Time: 5/13/03 @ 1:30 p.m.

Blue River Community College
20301 E Hwy 78 Room 104
Independence, MO
Time: 5/14/03 @ 9:00 a.m.

Camden County Courthouse
#1 Court Circle (3rd Floor, Main Courtroom)
Camdenton, MO
Time: 5/14/03 @ 9:30 a.m.

Joint SEMA/FEMA Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDAs) will be conducted today in the following counties: Cole, Howard, Lewis, and Pike. Additionally, coordination is taking place to conduct damage assessments in Marion and Ralls Counties. Information gathered will be used to determine whether Federal disaster assistance will be extended to residents, businesses, and/or local governments in those counties.

Other State Agency Actions:

Department of Corrections: Inmates from are still assisting in Pierce City and Stockton in cleaning up areas damage by the storms.

Department of Natural Resources: *DNR - Environmental Assistance Office* has been addressing the debris removal and permit process for burning debris and other environmental issues.

Department of Health and Human Services: DHSS has been monitoring the state's hospital systems for disaster related diseases that may appear in the post-storm time period. They are assisting communities in testing water and monitoring health conditions in disaster areas.

Department of Mental Health: Through contract providers is offering crisis-counseling services in ARC shelters throughout Missouri. Mental Health crisis hotline has been proffering services. No injuries or damage at any DMH facility in the State. One community provider for MRDD (Mental Retardation – Developmentally Disabled) clients was damaged in Stockton, Missouri. DMH is working on an application for a FEMA immediate services grant (ISG). Disaster mental Health training will be provided for ministers in southeast Missouri on May 14th.

Department of Public Safety: *Missouri State Highway Patrol* is assisting with security as needed. *1q Missouri Water Patrol* is providing officers to assist with security in Stockton.

Department of Social Services: *Social Services – Division of Family Services* are assisting in the coordination of mass care and supporting community collaboration efforts.

Department of Transportation: MODOT continues to provide support to local communities through debris removal assistance.

Shelters : Canton – United Methodist Church was opened on Saturday.

Forecast: National Weather Service Storm Prediction Center says there is a slight risk of severe weather of most of the state Tuesday afternoon and evening. Highs will be in the 70s. A slight risk of severe weather in southeast Missouri exists on Wednesday, with highs remaining in the 70s.

Deaths by County (Confirmed) – No new reports.

Barton County – 1
Camden County - 3
Cedar County – 3
Christian County – 1
Dallas County - 2
Greene County - 1
Jasper County - 2
Lawrence County - 5
Monroe County - 1

Total - 19

TORNADO DONATION CENTERS ESTABLISHED

Members of the National service program AmeriCorps have partnered with Missouri's State Emergency Management Agency and the Missouri Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (MOVOAD) to coordinate the donations across the state. People wishing to donate items to tornado victims are encouraged to call one of the following three areas **BEFORE SENDING DONATIONS**. Anyone wishing to donate time is encouraged to volunteer as a part of a previously organized group and should **call the center prior to the date they wish to volunteer.**

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI – (12 Counties) call the South West Missouri Donations Center at 1-800-489-8183 seven days a week between 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

WESTERN MISSOURI (Kansas City Area) call the Help Line (Salvation Army) at (816) 221-1525, Monday – Friday between 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

EASTERN MISSOURI (St. Louis, Cape, Hannibal, etc) call the Salvation Army at (314) 771-7366 Monday – Friday between 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

Points of Contact: SEMA Duty Officer after hours number is 573-751-2748, during normal hours calls should be made to 573-526-9100.

